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CHALLENGED FOR HIS TITLES.

"KID" LEWIS, holder of the welterweight championship of Europe and Great Britain, who has been challenged by Johnny Brown (Hamilton) and may meet the Scot in the near future.

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FISTIC COMMENTS.

LEWIS AND THE "WELTER" TITLE.

As there has been some talk of a welterweight championship of Great Britain event being brought off without "Kid" Lewis doing duty as one of the contestants, it is as well that the latter has contradicted statements made that he will not again box at 10st. 7lbs. It had been taken for granted by numerous people connected with boxing that Lewis, having boxed as a middleweight for some considerable time, had decided to remain in that division, but Lewis, holder of the "welter" championships of Great Britain and Europe, has expressed his readiness to make a match with anyone at 10st. 7lbs. A challenger of Lewis is in the field in Johnny Brown (Hamilton), who may be regarded as the "Kid's" chief rival, and can be backed against him for £500, providing a condition of the match is that a £200 weight forfeit is posted.

Mr. Thomas Queen has put up £100 as deposit for a match, and there seems little doubt that business will be done, especially if the champion is disposed to go to Edinburgh for a meeting with the Scot. Lewis may prefer boxing in London, but probably he would do better financially in the Scottish capital. Brown may be said to have acquitted himself well enough to cause Mr. Queen to have plenty of faith in him, and the Scot and his supporter may be said to be figuring on reasonable lines in taking the view that as Ratner twice beat Lewis, and Ratner had to be satisfied with drawing with Brown, the latter has quite a good chance of dethroning the "Kid." Alex Ireland, Brown's last opponent, has a right to ask for, as he is doing, another match with the Hamilton man for the Scottish "welter" title, but his claim to such is apt to be overlooked, and a contest between Brown and Lewis brought about in the near future.

ROLFE AND THE TITLE.

Ireland is an aspirant to the championships of Great Britain and Europe, as is Joe Rolfe, the young Bermondsey boxer, a product of the past year, who is to have another contest at the National Sporting Club next Monday night. Rolfe will meet Seaman Jim Cox, of Wigan, over ten rounds, and the probability is that he will triumph over the Lancastrian. Rolfe has a habit of disposing of opponents in decisive fashion, and he has quite a string of wins to his credit, but it may not be said that he has been fully tried out, and before he is sent against Lewis, should the latter meet and overcome Brown, he could have two useful matches, meeting in turn Ireland and Brown. There is no need to rush the Bermondsey lad, who has been making headway steadily. Those of us who have followed boxing for any length of time have seen young boxers miss championship honours through over eagerness, and it is to be hoped that those behind Rolfe will continue to follow the course adopted since sime months ago the boxer won a N.S.C. novices" competition.

BILL HINDLEY'S BOXING.

I was at The Ring last week to see Bill Hindlay, the young Lancashire bantamweight, make a bid for recognition as a candidate for a title match with Johnny Brown, the champion "bantam" of Europe and Great Britain, and must confess that he struck me as being one of the cleverest and most persevering boxers I have seen for some time. He emulated a brilliant "bantam" of the past, Joe Bowker, in coming to the metropolis from the county of the red rose, and making such a good first impression, and one feels that he may follow further in the footsteps of Bowker, a product of Salford, and attain the rank of champion.

Brown, an experienced boxer, found Hindley quite a surprise packet, and I thought the champion looked more than pleased when, in the fourteenth round, the contest was stopped in his favour. Possibly Johnny was not feeling so sure that he would win, and I was with those who held the opinion that he had not anything in hand in the matter of points. He was certainly given a very hard run, and Hindley, on the strength of the showing he made, is entitled to seek a return match for Brown's titles.

The weight the pair fought at, 8st 8lbs., was to the advantage of Brown. It enabled him to take the ring stronger than he could have done at the bantamweight, and his extra strength was unquestionably the chief factor operating against the Lancastrian, who displayed skill both when attacking and defending, but could not punch hard enough to weaken his man. Had Brown been down to 8st. 6lbs., however, Hindley's blows might have been more effective and the champion's less harmful, so all things considered it was a little unfortunate for the Horwich man that Brown was carrying the extra couple of pounds.

HINDLEY'S ONE FAULT.

Brown was made to look anything but a front rank boxer at different stages of the bout, due to the cleverness with which Hindley slipped and ducked his punches, and it was a good thing for the champion that his opponent often neglected to counter after evading. This was the one fault to be found with Hindley's boxing. He did everything else, in style too, and all those who saw him in his first contest in London will look forward to his meeting with Harry Corbett (Bethnal Green) at the N.S.C. on Monday week.

A match for Hindley, which would serve to further test him, would be one with Harry Lake, and possibly this will be sought after by promoters, unless he is beaten by Corbett. It would be a capital bantamweight eliminating bout, and prepare the winner for a subsequent match with the St. George's boxer.

THREE OR ONE ?

There is a difference of opinion amongst boxing enthusiasts as to whether the results of bouts arrived at by the referee and two judges system or the referee alone is the better. I am reminded of this by finding it stated in an American paper that the New York State Athletic Commission, which not so long ago adopted the referee and judges system, recently sent out a call for suggestions as to means by which such decisions as that rendered at the close of the fight between Johnny Dundee and Jack Bernstein, when the latter was unjustly deprived of his junior lightweight championship of America might be avoided in the future.

Bernstein, it is agreed by the N.Y. boxing scribes, should have been declared the winner of the

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bout, and would have got the verdict had the referee been the only person to have a voice in the matter. The referee's vote was one against two, however, and on the judges' finding was based the result. It was a case of the majority being in error, and we have had the same thing in England, noteably when Mr. Eugene Corri refereed the Ted Moore-Billy Wells contest and wanted to proclaim the former the winner, but had no voice in the decision, due to the two judges voting for Wells.

The decision in the Bernstein-Dundee event has come in for general denunciation, and many suggestions have been maade for changes in the methods of handling bouts. The one most voiced is that a return be made to the system by which the verdict is left in the hands of one man—the referee.

In the past, both in America and at home, professional contests were handled by a referee only and where a competent man did duty, and satisfaction was generally the result. It is my opinion that one good judge of boxing is all that is necessary to decide any ring event, and that where a good referee has to work along with two indifferent judges, the "three system" is one boxing would be better without. It should not be possible for two judges, who do not know boxing thoroughly, to outvote a competent official, and as men of the latter standing are not very plentiful it cannot be expected that three of them can always be found to do duty for a bout. "Three heads are better than one" is not admitted by experienced by experienced boxing followers unless they are capable of weighing up the happenings in a contest and judiciously apportioning points.

J. BISSELL.

SIKI'S SECOND DEFEAT IN AMERICA.

At Philadelphia, on December 24, "Battling" Siki, Senegalese conqueror of Georges Carpentier and wearer of the light-heavyweight crown of the world, was beaten by Jack Taylor, of Omaha.

Throughout the bout, a ten-rounder, we are told, Siki was a junkle cat that could swirl about the ropes, dance around and swish its claws, but could not scratch. Taylor, fighting a defensive battle most of the way, eluded Siki's wild lunges and shot damaging blows to the Senegalese's body when the latter attempted his intricate steps on the ropes.

Only in the first round was Siki able to step out in front, but real wallops were rare in that session. As the scrap progressed Siki sought even harder to batter down Taylor, but the only blow he could land, an overhand swing, rolled off Taylor without effect.

Taylor jabbed blood from Siki's nose in the first round, and later closed his right eye. Siki had apparently not been over-industrious in training for the bout, and lack of condition told against him in the latter half of the contest, during which Taylor took the offensive and hit the Senegalese hard and often.

AT THE RING.

ALBERT ROGERS AGAIN BEATS JOHNNY BEE.

Though in his return contest with Albert Rogers (Mitcham) at The Ring, London, on Monday night, Johnny Bee, the Birkenhead middleweight, made a better stand than on the previous occasion, he was beaten in a little less than half the stipulated journey of fifteen rounds. Rogers was proclaimed the winner in the seventh round, and it may be recorded that had not the referee called a halt at this stage the Merseysider would not be able to claim he was not knocked out.

The end came when Bee was down for the fourth time to punches on the jaw and had taken one count of eight and two of nine. The Birkenhead man clearly had no chance when felled the fourth time, in what was a gruelling bout fought at close quarters from the outset, with Rogers punching the harder, but the Cheshire boxer sticking to his task with muchc grit. Bee's right was cut in the first session, and a couple of rounds later Rogers task with much grit. Bee's right eye It was a give-and-take affair, neither man attempting to box cleverly, and when, in the fourth essay, rough exchanges took place both contestants bled freely, Bee mainly from a cut over the left eye opened in this round. Rogers appeared to be wearing his man down, and that he was doing so became evident in the ensuing couple of rounds, when Bee had to accept a good deal more than he gave. The latter resumed none to fresh for the seventh term, and, soon in difficulties, he came down the number of times mentioned

Three ten rounds contests were decided, and in these Len George (Custom House) won over "Young" Riley (Old Ford), Ted Munn (Westbourne Park) well outpointed Bert Davison (Battersea), and Charlie Brown (Camberwell) beat George Droy (Islington), who retired in the eighth round.

VAN'T HOF BEATS LEN JOHNSON.

Van't Hof and Abe Dorr, a couple of Dutch boxers, were among the successful contestants at The Ring last Saturday night, when the former and Len Johnson (Manchester), a coloured middleweight, provided the chief event, which went as far as the end of the eighth essay, at which stage Johnson, who lost on points to Johnny Bee at the same hall a few weeks previously, was in rather a bad way, and Kid Harris, his second, gave in for him.

The Dutchman was the more energetic at the start of the bout and scored readily with the left on the face while forcing matters for two sessions, but at the third meeting the negro, in countering with the right, uppercut to the face and body. His leads, however, were hardly as well timed as those of the Dutchman, who in the fourth round, besides jabbing to the face with the left, blocked the majority of Johnson's returns. At the fifth meeting the Manchester boxer dealt out right-hand punches to the face, mostly uppercuts, and he seemed to be hitting with more power than Van't Hof, and, countering well in the sixth essay, he had a slight pull The Dutchman was on top after this, however, and had all the better of the eighth term, in which he punished the negro freely about the face and body, and twice floored him with rights to the jaw. Johnson took a count of six the first time, and the bell saved him when he next went down. He had a minute in which to recover, but, as stated, his second put an end to the bout.

Dorr, a feathereight, won over Jack Lewis (Lambeth) on points in a ten-rounder, and a contest of the same duration resulted in Gunner Hornsey (Woolwich) beating Syd. Chilton (Kentish Town) on points.

TEDDY REED BEATS DRUMMER HALL.

A lightweight principal contest at The Ring last Thursday was furnished by Teddy Reed (Walworth) and Drummer Hall (Walsall), and it terminated in the seventh round, when Hall, having been weakened by punishment dealt him, came down to a punch and was unable to rise inside of ten seconds. To box the best of fifteen rounds the men met, and Reed, who had a pull in height and reach, was chief scorer from the start, as a result of the provincial, a willing lad, being unable to do much at arm's length and giving numerous openings while playing the part of aggressor.

It was at close quarters that Hall was useful, his hooks and half-uppercuts being well delivered, but he took too many punches, and in the fourth session had quite a rough passage. Clips on the jaw floored him five times, and the grit he showed was appreciated by the onlookers, who expressed their disapproval when Reed once brought his man to the boards with a chop on the back of the neck. It was an illegal blow, and the referee repremanded Reed for employing it.

Hall finished this round the worse for wear, and he had to be satisfied with filling second place in the fifth and sixth, despite the fact that he sent in some good short-arm blows. Reed committed the foul of pulling his man down in the sixth essay, and was again cautioned. He had his man just about beaten now, and at the next meeting Hall, after receiving several crisp punches on the jaw, sank down to a left jab and took the full count.

Charlie Evans (Bow) beat Sam Minto (America) in the ninth essay of a fifteen rounds contest, the latter, who was floored in the second round and had the worse of matters, having a damaged knee when the referee intervened.

In a ten rounds "go" Frankie Brown (Paddington) beat Jim Brooks (Windsor) in the sixth essay.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

TODD ADVISED HOW TO BEAT GREB.—THE MATCH BETWEEN DWYER AND RICE "OFF."—EDDIE CURRY.—MAN WHO FOUGHT BEN JORDAN MAY HOLD IMPORTANT BOXING POST REFEREES AND JUDGES.

Mr. Wilbur Wood, a New York boxing critic, has come to the conclusion that Harry Grebb, holder of the American middleweight championship, who is to defend his title on Friday night against Johnny Wilson, the former holder, has a weakness, which, having been brought to the notice of the other boxers by Gene Tunney in a recent bout, will result in Greb being relegated to the class of ex-champions. Whether this will happen on Friday is problematical, and if it doesn't, and Roland Todd secures a match with Greb, it is doubtful that the British Empire middleweight champion will be able to fight the American on the lines indicated with the same success as Tunney did.

Mr. Wood writes: "The first thing to do when embarking on an offensive in war or in sport is to discover the enemy's weak spot. The next thing is to hammer away at that weak spot until the whole structure gives way, or at least until the enemy weakens his front at another point to strengthen the weak spot. If there is a weakness somewhere it will not be possible to cover that weakness without weakening another point.

"Almost every individual in sport has a weakness somewhere in his armour. Get into a discussion with some boxer on the merits of some other fist slinger and Boxer No. 1 will say, sooner or later, 'Yes, he can box but he can't take it down below,' or 'All you got to do is to keep your left hand in his face and he'll never bother you,' or 'He leads with the right too often and lays his jaw open.'

"Once in a while there bobs up a boxer who seems to be without any particular weak spot. Such a one is —or shall we say was—Harry Greb. Harry's unorthodox style of fighting makes it next to impossible for an opponent to organize an attack. The Pittsburger jumps around and whales away wildly with both hands from any and all angles. At close quarters he has been accustomed to hold and hit, to cuff and slap, to wrestle and, in general, behave in a most bewildering way. In short, he is a sort of wild man from Borneo in the ring.

"Greb's tactics, while most bewildering to an opponent, also detract from his offensive powers. Bobbing and jumping as he does, it is impossible for him to hit anything like as hard as a boxer who waits for the right spot to send in his punches. Harry is no puncher and no boxer. But he has that puzzling style and an apparently inexhaustible supply of vitality. Unorthodox methods and vitality have taken him far and made him a puzzle to men who can box rings around him and hit twice as hard. At least, that was the case until the Pittsburgh windmill ran into Gene Tunney.

"It was in that bout that Greb, for the first time in his long career, bumped into a man who was able to devise a system of attack almost inevitably certain to bring about the Pittsburgher's defeat. Briefly, it was this—walk in and hammer Greb's body with both hands until he gets away and then do the same thing over and over again for the duration of the fight.

"That is what Tunney did, and the system worked pertectly. Only Harry's iron framework enabled him to stand up under that hail of body blows.

"Now that Tunney has demonstrated that Greb can be beaten in that way—and with comparatively slight risk to the man using the system employed by Tunney—it is likely that Greb will be called upon to face the same style of attack every time he steps into the ring. Tunney has shown how to beat Greb, and others will follow in Gene's footsteps."

Todd has doubtless read what Mr. Wood has had to say, but he would hardly try to act upon the advice he gives, for he is not the type of boxer to walk in and hammer to the body. He is not aggressive enough and in his contests at home he did not impress as a body fighter or a particularly hard hitter. As a long-range boxer, good on the defensive, Todd shone at home, and it is improbable that he will follow in the footsteps of "Kid" Lewis and adopt different methods.

When a featherweight in England some years ago Lewis boxed on similar lines to Todd, and it was upon going to America and growing into a welterweight that he elected to combine fighting with boxing and developed into an efficient close-quarter exponent of the art. Todd does not strike one as a man who might do the same thing, but he still may have a good chance against Greb should the pair come together, if, as Mr. Wood remarks, the latter is an unorthodox boxer whose tactics detract from his offensive powers.

When the Brighton A.B.A. hold their second annual competitions at the Old Ship Assembly Rooms on Monday, February 4, at 7 p.m. there will be an 8st. 6lbs. open novices, an 11st. 8lbs. intermediate, and also three special six rounds contests.

LALEHAM HOUSE SPORTS CLUB.

It is suggested that all interested in the above should immediately send in signed application forms for membership, so that the promoters may form some idea as to its probable success. There is no obligation on those signing application forms unless the club is established and the members elected. If the idea meets with the necessary support, it is proposed to open the club about the middle of May. For particulars readers should write the honorary secretary, 85, High Holborn, W.C.1.

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Following upon the announcement that Jack Dempsey had said he was matched with Tom Gibbons for a return contest has come a denial by Jack's manager, Jack Kearns, who has also stated that it is unlikely that the world's champion will come to England this year. Kearns has probably learned from the wire-pullers on this side that the chance of the title-holder securing a match at Wembley is very small, and his plan now may be to wait for a return Dempsey-Luis Firpo event to materialise.

As a gate-drawer the match appeals very strongly to Kearns, but Gibbons figures that he should be entertained as challenger of Dempsey before the Argentinian. "It's a shame that a man who was knocked down nine times in three minutes and fifty-seven seconds is to get the first crack at the champion," Gibbons contends. He said the other day: "Firpo wants to get a chance with Dempsey before risking his reputation in the ring with me.

"I would like to get a chance at Firpo just to convince the public that he is not the great fighter he is said to be, but he doesn't want any of my medicine at this time."

Gibbons predicts that Dempsey will stop the Argentine heavyweight in the first round if the two should meet again.

The St. Paul heavyweight says: "Georges Carpentier will be one of his opponents next summer." He gives as the reason he did not sign with Tex Rickard for a bout with the Frenchman that Rickard offered him a purse of $20,000 with no option of a percentage, which Gibbons demanded.

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Hughie Dwyer, Australia's premier lightweight, who came to England via America, where he had a couple of contests, will not be seen in action at the National Sporting Club on the 28th inst., for which date he was matched with Ernie Rice to box the best of fifteen rounds at 9st. 9lbs. for £400. He has cancelled the engagement, and his reason for doing so is, that owing to injury he would not be able to do himself justice. He damaged his left hand badly by catching his opponent's elbow in his first fight in America, and says that with six months' rest the injured hand would get better, but it is unfit for use in the ring. He has decided to board a boat bound for Australia at the end of this week, and says he will be glad

to leave England because he has been badly upset by the fog we have to endure.

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There has been some talk during the past few days of the French lightweight champion, Fred Bretonnel, meeting the winner of the Dwyer-Rice bout, and now that this event is off, there may be a chance of Bretonnel being called upon to oppose Rice at Headquarters. The Frenchman beat Rice quite recently, of course, but Mr. Charlie Lucas, manager for the latter, has said he would like to send Ernie against his conqueror again

If we remember rightly, Bretonnel has not boxed at the N.S.C., and it is some time since, as the French schoolboy champion, he engaged in several contests at The Ring and was beaten only by Harry Whybrow. To climb to the top of the lightweight class in France, Bretonnel accomplished good performances, and by beating Rice he established himself as a worthy challenger of Harry Mason for European honours, but with Mason in America the best man to test the Frenchman appears to be Rice. In place of the Dwyer-Rice bout on the 28th inst. at the N.S.C. a fifteen rounds contest between Bill Hindley (Horwich) and Harry Corbett (Bethnal Green) is to be staged.

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According to information from New York and imparted by persons supposed to be in the know, Eddie Curry, formerly a prominent American featherweight and now a Democratic politician of New York and a personal friend of Gov. Smith, is to be appointed to the chairmanship of the New York State Athletic Commission to replace William Muldoon.

The report that Gov. Smith intends to appoint Curry and another Democrat comes in the midst of the furore aroused in boxing circles by the decision rendered in the Dundee-Bernstein bout, when Dundee was handed the junior lightweight title after a bout which a majority of qualified critics thought Bernstein had won clearly.

Curry is one of Gov. Smith's political lieutenants. He generally was expected to receive the appointment as chairman of the license committee, which eventually went to W. McCormack.

Curry was brought up in the Governor's own district on the East Side, and is rated as very popular with his acquaintenances. A little more than twenty-five years ago he was considered a first-class featherweight boxer, and made one trip to England and figured in a bout at the National Sporting Club.

There are doubtless numerous members of the Club who remember seeing Curry in action on April 4, 1898, when he made an unsuccessful effort to lower the colours of the then prominent English featherweight, Ben Jordan. He was defeated by Jordan—knocked out in the 97th round—but made a great stand, and his countrymen must have felt satisfied that he acquitted himself well when, three months later, they saw Jordan triumph over the great George Dixon in a twenty-five rounds battle in New York.

If Curry is appointed to the chairmanship, his knowledge of the game should help him to fill the position more satisfactorily than did William Muldoon, called the Duke of Muldoon by W. O. McGeehan, who remarks: "It was the Duke's idea to deprive champions who refused to defend their titles of their championships. This, of course, was flying in the face of tradition, but the Duke had the courage of his convictions. He tried to make himself the boxing law of the land, and he all but succeeded.

"Consistency meant nothing at all during the reign of the Duke. It was while the Duke was the real head of the Boxing Commission that Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills, the perpetual challenger for the heavyweight championship, were ordered to sign articles for a bout. Shortly afterward it was announced that the pair would not be permitted to fight in New York State, though it was regarded as highly desirable that they fight somewhere."

The Wills-Dempsey bout is one of the matters that will have to be faced by Curry should he fill the position vacated by Muldoon. Dempsey has been reiterating his willingness to fight Wills, while the latter has been telling the world that he wants to fight Dempsey. It has been whispered that the bout never will be permitted. Just why, nobody seems to know. It seems to be the general opinion that this is the most "logical" bout that could be arranged.

This issue is one that ought to be faced. There does not seem to be any reason why Dempsey and Wills should not be matched, unless the Boxing Commission wants to imply that a colour line has been drawn

PLYMOUTH.

"TEX" O'ROURKE'S TRIO.

Will Prestage (Rugby), Isaac Ingleton (Nottingham) and Leslie Price (Bristol), the three heavyweights "Tex" O'Rourke has chosen as men who will make headway, were all doing duty at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth, last Friday night, and of Prestage and Ingleton, who won their bouts, the former gave the more promise. He knocked out Fred Tovee, of Marylebone, in the fifth round, and the latter, who was some time recovering, was taken to the hospital and detained. At the outset of the contest Tovee tried to bustle his opponent, but Prestage boxed with coolness, and had scored a couple of knockdowns before the fourth round ended. After Tovee had taken a count through napping a right hook, a clean punch to the jaw sent him down, with the result that his head hit the floor. He was counted out. It was feared that his case was serious, and he was taken to hospital, but Professor Newton informed our representative on Saturday night that Tovee was quite all right, and wants to meet the Rugby boxer again.

Ingleton, who was beaten recently in the heavyweight competition at Crystal Palace, met Bombardier Lantsberry (Kettering), and led well with the left, but when he tried the right Lantsberry was clever enough to cause him to miss. Ingleton, was the more pressing in somewhat clumsy fashion, and the Bombardier worked a right hook with good effect. Ingleton forced the pace in the fourth round, and following up a left, shot a right hook to the jaw, from which his opponent went down and out.

Price, O'Rourke's other "hope," was beaten on points by Joe Mullings (Deptford) in a moderate set-to.

HOXTON BATHS.

CHARLIE PENWILL STOPS CHARLIE STONE.

Three Deptford boxers, Charlie Stone, Charlie Smith and Mick Carter, were amongst the contestants at Hoxton Baths last Monday afternoon, and all were defeated. Carter acquitted himself best in going the stipulated journey of fifteen rounds, the others being dispatched by the knockout route. Stone lost to Charlie Penwill (Redhill) in what was the main event, and it may be said he had no chance from the word "go." Penwill knew too much for him and appeared to "pull" his punches in the opening session. He could score almost at will with left and right, and when, in the second essay, he drove his man about the ring, the onlookers were prepared for the downfall of Smith, which occurred midway through the third round. Down to a left hook on the jaw, Stone took a count of six, and a subsequent right to the body floored him for the full count.

The defeat of Smith, who met Seaman Willoughby, of Chatham, came about quicker still, as midway through the second round, after the civilian had repulsed numerous attacks by sending his left to the face in straight fashion, the seaman, an aggressive and strong boxer, swung the right to the jaw, depositing his man on the boards for the full count.

Carter's conqueror was Phil Richards, of Aldgate, who forced the fighting all through, and, if somewhat wild in hitting, got home hard punches in nearly every round. Carter was smart at evading occasionally, but he did far too little hitting. Round after round he was on the retreat, and at the close a big lead was held by the winner.

In a ten rounds bout Fred James (Notting Hill) outboxed "Young" Bill Lewis (Bethnal Green) for the greater part of the journey, and he appeared to have won well when the referee returned a draw.

MOODY WINS AGAIN.

Frank Moody, the Pontypridd middleweight, scored another decisive victory when, on Friday last, at the Fall River, Mass., U.S.A., he met Pierre Nicholas, a representative of France. He knocked out the Frenchman in the first session of a ten rounds bout.

RACING NOTES

The well-known flat racer, Set Off, belonging to Mr. Sol Joel, died at Newmarket recently from an internal complaint.

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Kilmoon, a four-year-old gelding by Bachelor's Double—Moonbridge, has been purchased by one of the patrons of W. Waugh's stable, and is at work with his trainer's team on Newmarket Heath.

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Mr. J. Graeme Thompson always enjoys a tilt at the "ring," and he by no means allowed Sancroft to run loose in the Derby Handicap Hurdle Race. Under Mr. Frank Brown's care the five-year-old has done well since winning a selling race at Kempton, and no horse could have battled out a finish stouter than he did when getting up to run Chartered out of it from the last obstacle. It was an exceedingly fine finish between Duller and Wootton, who each got every ounce out of his mount.

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Mr. Kirk, the Cheltenham trainer, who has done so well of late with Aerolite and Gainforte, took the mount on the latter in the Etwall Four-Year-Old Hurdle at Derby, and he quite cleverly defeated a better favourite in Hungarian, whom Escott rode. At one time it was possible to get 7 to 2 about Gainforte, but when investments were commenced the price was quickly cut down to 5 to 2. Gainforte takes his hurdles with so much to spare that he looks a likely sort for jumping a country.

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When trained at Doncaster, Welton was given to running out on occasions, and he repeated his waywardness in the Burton Handicap Steeplechase at Derby, despite the fact that his trainer had taken the precaution of running him in an hood. At Gatwick recently Welton all but jumped out of the course by screwing at his fences, and if he took his obstacles straighter on Monday, and appeared to be going well prior to darting out of the course, it is a matter to doubt whether he would have beaten Greenogue.

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THIS WEEK'S RACING.

Some capital sport should be witnessed during the week, for racing is to take place at Newbury (Wednesday and Thursday) and Windsor (Friday and Saturday). The following should go close to winning their respective engagements:—

NEWBURY—WEDNESDAY.

The Ilsley Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED
The Royston Steeplechase—
IRISH FIELD.
The Weyhill Hurdle Race—
YOUNG'S SELECTED
The Sefton Steeplechase—
REAHILLS.
The United Services' Cup—
SQUARE DANCE.
The Four-Year-Old Hurdle Race—
NOCE D'ARGENT.

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NEWBURY—THURSDAY.

The Reading Steeplechase—
MY RATH.
The Lambourn Hurdle Race—
SUN CHAP.
The Winchester Steeplechase—
TURKEY BUZZARD.
The Berkshire Hurdle Race—
RADIANT RIVER.
The Moderate Hurdle Race—
KERAMEICOS
The Ogbourne Steeplechase—
HOLDCROFT.

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WINDSOR—FRIDAY.

The Clarence Hurdle Race—
BARBERTON SQUARE.
The Paddock Steeplechase—
POOLE'S SELECTED.
The St. Leonard's Steeplechase—
POOLE'S SELECTED.
The Peascod Hurdle Race—
BROTHER BILL
The Royal Hurdle Race—
EUPHROSYNUS.
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WINDSOR—SATURDAY.

The Montem Hurdle Race—
NOCE D'ARGENT.
The Dorney Steeplechase—
BENNETT'S SELECTED.
The Corporation Hurdle Race—
SANTAVON.
The Gardener Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED.
The Over the Top Steeplechase—
SPRIG or RAEHILLS.
The Barracks Steeplechase—
ARDUOUS.

AT THE N.S.C.

JACK SLATTERY STOPS IDRIS MEREDITH.

The first boxing entertainment of the second half of the season at the National Sporting Club was held last Monday night when in the chief event Jack Slattery, the useful Accrington bantamweight, and Idris Meredith (Treorchy) met to box the best of ten rounds at 8st. 8lbs., at which weight the Lancastrian had a pull of 3½lbs. He was making his third appearance at the Club, and on the previous occasions had drawn with Bert Marsh and stopped Barney Wright

At Meredith's expense he registered another decisive victory, the bout going no further than the third round. For a brief space Slattery found it difficult to land on his opponent, who, by skipping about the ring and ducking, made him miss repeatedly. But in the second round, keeping ever after his man, Slattery finally got to hitting distance, and sent home some telling punches on the body. Continuing to force matters Slattery, in the third round, caught his man with a nasty left hook to the jaw, and a little later with a hard right to the body. Another left hook put Meredith down, and unable to come up within ten seconds the Welshman lost.

Six rounds contests: Bill Whitley (Battersea) beat Jack Molloy (Gravesend), who retired at the end of the fourth round, and George Davis (Camden Town) beat Wally Scott (Blackfrfiars), who gave up at the close of the fifth round.

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LIVERPOOL STADIUM.

TWO "TYKES" TRIUMPH.

Harry Robinson and Johnny Cuthbert, representing Mexborough and Sheffield respectively, did duty as successful contestants at the Liverpool Stadium last Thursday night in fifteen rounds events. Robinson a lightweight, went against Jim Carroll, of Liverpool, and, like Cuthbert, who belongs to the flyweight division, and met Elky Clarke, of Glasgow, he was compelled to go the full number of rounds.

The Robinson-Carroll bout went on rather tame lines to begin with, only light exchanges taking place in the first couple of rounds, but at the third meeting the men indulged in a warm mix-up, in which the Liverpudlian was seen to advantage, his punches being better timed than of his opponent. Little was done in the fourth round until a right to the jaw from Robinson appeared to unsteady his man somewhat. Early in the fifth a right hook to the jaw sent Carroll down. Quickly up, however, the local made matters interesting. Each scored well on the face in the following meeting, but Robinson later jerked his man head back with a flush left to the face. They had a strenuous argument in the seventh round, near the close of which the Mexborough man scored much faster than the Merseysider.

Robinson, who had boxed only moderately in some of the early rounds, now appeared to have got well into his stride, and in the eighth term a left hook he dealt to Carroll's jaw sent the local staggering. Three sessions later the Yorkshireman hooked his right to the jaw, and following an exchange of lefts, sent home a sequence of head punches without return. Carroll's mouth was bleeding in the thirteenth, this having been caused by Robinson's jabbing left. The exchanges later were of the give-and-take order. In the fifteenth essay Robinson had the better of matters, and at the close he received the award.

Fast and clever boxing marked the opening session of the contest between Cuthbert and Clarke, and one left jab by the latter sent his man's head back with a jerk. The Sheffielder opened the next by forcing the work and reaching the face several times. Clarke twice reached his man's jaw with a swinging left. Early in the third round Cuthbert scored with both hands, but the Scot replied and did most of the forcing, although Cuthbert, on the retreat, kept reaching his man's face with the left.

The fourth round commenced in great style, Cuthbert being the aggressor, although a left from the Scot shook him, and he went down to a similar punch nearing the end of the meeting. In the following round Cuthbert was boxing cleverly, while Clarke was evidently intent on knocking his man out.

While the seventh essay was being reeled off Cuthbert scored many times to the face, but his punches failed to stop the Scot from forcing the work. Cuthbert, in the tenth, set a fast pace, and, escaping most of Clarke's heavier punching, he was practically giving the Scot a boxing lesson. Later in the bout Clarke was met by a straight left or right to the head, but at close quarters he was always the better. The thirteenth meeting saw Clarke fighting well, whilst Cuthbert was tiring rapidly, and it became a question whether he would be able to stall off his opponent. This he succeeded in doing, and at the close of a capital bout was returned the winner.

ANGLO-SWISS EVENT.

Of two fifteen rounds events to be decided at the Liverpool Stadium on Thursday that which will claim most attention will be the light-heavyweight affair in which Louis Clements, claimant to the Swiss championship, will make his debut in England in going against Syd Pape, of York. The foreigner has been given the engagement on the strength of a report that he is a useful fellow, and as he will have a willing boxer to strive against, Liverpool followers of the game may see a hard bout. Supporting this contest will be a fifteen-rounder between Ernie Lord and Ernie Vietch, flyweights hailing from Manchester and Newcastle respectively, and other encounters.

PREMIERLAND.

TOMMY MORGAN AND "KID" NICHOLSON SCORE.

TED WHITE'S SECOND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS.

The boxers mentioned above were doing duty in fifteen rounds contests at Premierland, Whitechapel, last Thursday night, and each was compelled to go the scheduled journey. Morgan, Claimant to the lightweight championship of Wales, who some months ago won over Seaman Hall in the Principality, was opposed by Mike Honeyman (Canning Town) in what was regarded as the main event, and the boxing critics in attendance were not in agreement with the referee, Mr. Charlie Barnett, when he declared in favour of the Welshman. The result was unpopular, and it may be mentioned that when last March the same referee gave Morgan the verdict over Hall the decision was disputed.

The least that can be said of the result of the Morgan-Honeyman bout is that the former was lucky to win. Honeyman might easily have been ruled out for holding in the early rounds, it is true, and for half of the journey the work was very poor. Without doing any material scoring Morgan forced matters, and he was not able to get to his man when, in the ninth essay, Honeyman made use of the ring and scored well with snappy lefts. In some close-quarter exchanges in the ensuing round Morgan sustained a bad cut over his left eye. Morgan went to the boards for a long count to a body blow in the eleventh, his claim for a foul being disregarded. Though handicapped by the blood flowing from his eye, Morgan attacked subsequently, and he narrowly missed reaching Honeyman with his right. The Londoner, however, often scored with a straight left to the mouth, and the verdict in favour of Morgan at the finish came unexpectedly.

Nicholson, a Leeds "bantam," was making his debut in London, and the victory he gained on points over Harry Corbett (Bethnal Green) was rather a narrow one. The Londoner had a pull in height and reach, but he was compelled to box on the defensive in the first round in face of the strong attack of Nicholson. Corbett had the better of some fast boxing in the second round, but at the next meeting he had to accept several half-arm punches on the body after being forced to the ropes. During the fourth essay the Yorkshire lad worked his left to the face pretty often, but before the end of the round Corbett hurt with a swinging left to the ribs. Corbett hit much the faster in the fifth round, but Nicholson continued to fight back strongly, and he surprised Corbett with many left leads to the head and body as the bout advanced. In the thirteenth round Corbett made the most of his height and reach, scoring with stiff lefts to the face, and he weakened his man with hooks to the jaw. Corbett boxed fast in the closing round, and he could not have been far behind when adjudged the loser.

White, the ex-amateur "welter" champion, scored his second professional success over Luther Thomas (Swansea). The only punch of note in the first two rounds was a left swing by Thomas, which caught White high up on the side of the head. The Welshman was made to miss in the third session, and in the next White used his left nicely, and also uppercut several times. Thomas tried several swings, only to miss, and White countered with snappy lefts to the head. White warmed to his work in the next two rounds, and repeatedly reached his opponent with straight left leads to the mouth. He increased his lead during the eighth meeting, and Thomas was glad to hold after taking a series of uppercuts to the chin. The majority of the Welshman's swings went wide of their objective. White landed a right swing to the jaw in the fourteenth round, but Thomas though unsteadied, soon shook off the effects. Thomas did much better in the final round, but he was some distance behind on points at the close.

FLYWEIGHTS DRAW

Ernie Lord, a Manchester lad, who will be doing duty in a fifteen rounds contest at the Liverpool Stadium on Thursday night, contested that number of sessions with "Young" Johnny Brown (St. George's) at Premierland on the

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afternoon of the 13th inst. and a draw resulted. The Mancunian nearly brought off a sensational win in the first round, Brown being saved by the bell when it appeared it would be impossible for him to get up inside the ten seconds. In the second Brown again had a bad time, but recovered during the interval. Lord was a firm favourite, as Brown was being severely punished. A clip to the jaw during the seventh round dazed the Londoner, but, recovering, he kept getting home with his left, though he could not keep his sturdy little opponent out and was very lucky to divided honours at the close.

In ten rounds "goes" Sid Cannon (Spitalfields) beat Charlie Rogers (Balham) on points, and Young Clancy (St. George's) beat Charlie Duggan (Hoxton) on points.

AMATEUR AFFAIRS.

OLYMPIC GAMES WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following dates have been fixed for the boxing championships of the Olympic Games, to be held in the Cirque de Paris: Tuesday, July 15, 1924, weighing-in and qualifying bouts; Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, July 17, first round for competition proper; Friday, July 18, second round; Saturday, July 19, semi-finals; Sunday, July 20, finals.

The manner in which the points will be totalled is as follows:—The winner of the final at each weight will be accorded three points for his country, while the second will gain two points. Losers in the semi-finals will meet, and the winner of the match for the third and fourth place will secure one point. The country totalling the greatest number of points in the eight competitions—from flyweight to heavyweight—will be proclaimed the winner, and in the event of two countries totalling the same number the country holding the greater number of first places will be awarded first prize.

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LYNN SUCCESSES.

Successful members of the Thos. Tilling Social and Athletic Club were in the minority when, on Tuesday of last week, a series of inter-club contests were got through at the Peckham Winter Gardens, Harders Road. On the whole, the opposition, provided mainly by the Lynn B.C., was too good for the representatives of the promoting club, but the latter put up some good bouts, and H. Miller gave a convincing display against W. Grimshaw. The referee's casting vote made Miller the winner, but it was a result about which the judges should have agreed. R. Hickman was travelling well when he lost to H. Todd through throwing his man in the third round, and E. J. Hulks, the only member of the St. Pancras B.C. doing duty, lost unluckily to B. Garrett (T.T.B.C.), whom he struck when down in the fourth round. The promoting club's only other winner was F. Sims, who caused F. A. Barker (Midland Bank) to retire. The Lynn winners were as follow:—G. Page beat L. E. Mills, who retired; C. Lynch beat E. Etherington in round two; P. Wheelhouse beat A. Jones in the second round; A. Holmes outpointed E. A. May; H. A. Humphreys beat H. Hardaway, who retired in round one.

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THE FIGHTING MARQUIS.

The Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, captain of the Oxford University B.C., is to figure in a six rounds contest at the Bermondsey Town Hall on Friday, when the Hay's Wharf B.C. hold a tournament. A member of the club, E. K. Lucas, will be the Marquis's opponent

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POLICE BOXING.

The Metropolitan Police ("P" Div.) A.C. will promote a tourney at Camberwell Baths on Monday next when, in addition to a 10st. 10lbs. competition confined to Police of the Southern District, 8st. 6lbs. and 10st. competitions, open to all amateurs, will be decided. Inspector Hoskison, Peckham Police Station, S.E.15, is organising the show, and as he reports the entries for the events are satisfactory, a good good evening's sport should be witnessed by all who patronise.

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NOVICES, NOTE.

Mr. H. T. Blackstaffe, Vesta Rowing Club, Putney, S.W., has in hand the arranging of a couple of competitions for amateur novices down for decision on the 26th of next month at the Stadium, 85, High Holborn, W.C., and invites 10st. 6lbs. and 7st. 12lbs. novices to send in their entries.

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THE A.B.A. PRESIDENT.

Mr. J. H. Douglas, president of the A.B.A., father of the famous Essex C.C. player, and winner of the Queensberry cup for middleweights in 1875-6-7, attained his 71st birthday on Thursday last. He has been in Australia for some considerable time, and is not expected to return to England until May, when he may again be seen in the chair at the N.S.C., where he has officiated for many championship battles.

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TO BOX AS A PRO.

Ernie Swash, who, as a member of the Clapton Federation B.C., won the A.B.A. featherweight title last April for the second time, has decided to try his hand as a professional. He has gone into training, and will figure in his first contest as a paid boxer in the near future. In defending the title he won in 1922, Swash was rather lucky to win over W. White (Leith Victoria A.A.C.) in the semi-final at Alexandra Palace last year, and unless he can reproduce the form he displayed at the 1922 championships meeting, he will hardly go far as a pro.

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AT THE STADIUM CLUB.

The first boxing events at the Stadium Club, Holborn, in the New Year will be held on Thursday, when staff and special contests will be staged. On Wednesday of next week the Metropolitan Police Team Championships (14 bouts) will be held, also six bouts between Metropolitan and Paris Police. On the 24th inst the "E" Div. Police hold competitions.

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FULHAM A.B.C.

At the National Sporting Club on Tuesday, February 5, at 7.30, when the Fulham Amateur B.C. hold their annual competitions, there will be competitions at 9st. and 11st. 6lbs., novices, and 9st. 6lbs. open, supported by two six rounds contests between leading amateurs. Entry forms, etc., from the hon. sec., Mr. H. W. Fowler, 57a, Woodlawn Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

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